

Parent/Student Acknowledgement of the “8 Hour Rule”

No student may be required to attend practice for marching band for more than eight hours of rehearsal outside the academic school day per calendar week (Sunday through Saturday). This provision applies to students in all components of the marching band. On performance days (football games, competitions, and other public performances) bands may hold up to one additional hour of warm-up and practice beyond the scheduled warm-up time at the warm-up site. Multiple performances on the same day do not allow for additional practice and/or warm-up time.

Examples of activities subject to the UIL Marching Band 8 Hour Rule

- Any marching band group instructional activity
- Breaks
- Announcements
- Debriefing and viewing marching band videos
- Playing off marching band music
- Marching Band sectionals (both director and student led)
- Clinics for marching band

The following activities **are not included** in the eight hour time allotment:

- Travel time to and from rehearsals and performances
- Rehearsal set up time
- Pep rallies, parades, and other public performances
- Instruction and practice for music activities other than marching band and its components

Note: An extensive Q&A for the eight hour rule can be found on the music page of the UIL website at: www.Uil.utexas.edu

“We have read and understand the Eight Hour Rule for marching band as stated above, and agree to abide by these regulations.”

Parent Name _____

Parent signature _____ Date _____

Student name _____

Student signature _____ Date _____